

Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Below please find modifications to the "RESTRICTION RESPONSE - Amendment 'A'" document of March 3, 2006 pursuant to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of August 18, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification:

On Page 15, replace the paragraph starting on line 09 with the following:

Figure 1 Figure 1A is a sectional/exploded isometric view of a first, currently preferred, exemplary embodiment of the present invention, showing a tubular female trailer hitch receiver 1, a pin 1a, a 90° horizontal angular tubular adapter section 2, a pin 2a, a telescopic square tubular transition to round pipe welded angular vertical rise section 3, a pin 3a, an adjustable load support base/foot 4b, a lock nut 4c, an adjustable/telescopic rotatable vertical pipe boom section with an app'x. 30° horizontal rise 4, a handle 4a, an adjustable telescopic boom extension 5, a pin 5a, a welded base for a bolted winch motor or hand crank 6, a cable 6a, a pulley 6b, a

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lifting hook 6c, a power cable 7 with switch 7b.

On page 16, replace the paragraph starting on line 01 with the following:

Figure 1A **Figure 1** is an assembled isometric view of the first preferred embodiment mounted to a truck trailer hitch facing outwardly from the rear with tailgate up/closed.

On page 16, replace the paragraph starting on line 17 with the following:

Figure 4A is an isometric exploded-assembled view of the alternate preferred embodiment facing outwardly.

On page 17, replace the paragraph starting on line 05 with the following:

Figure 5A a uni-mounted non-portable present/prior non-portable crane permanently mounted to a truck tool box.

On Page 17, after the paragraph starting on line 05,

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insert the following new paragraphs, starting on line 07:

As is clear from the drawings and the foregoing specification, the embodiments of Fig. 1-4C each provides a portable load transport device for use in association with a vehicle having a rear trailer hitch structure and a load bed with the rear of the vehicle located adjacent to the device, while the device is supported on the ground and used to move a load to or from the vehicle bed, using a interconnected mechanical system which includes:

a first horizontal portion 2 (or 3p as in Fig. 3 & 4C) which when in use is attached to a part 1 of the trailer hitch and proceeds outwardly back past the rear end of the vehicle;

an intermediate, transition portion 3 which when in use extends back from a proximal end attached to said horizontal section leading to a round end directed upwardly and is supported on the ground using an adjustable load bearing support 4b/4c extending from said transition portion to the ground;

a round, adjustable rotatable portion 4/8 that when in

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use is attached to said round end of said transition portion and has at least one tubular portion to ultimately extend up vertically at a distal end to a position having a height greater than the height of the vehicle's load bed; and

a boom end portion 5/9 containing at least a cable 6a, a rotatable member 6b/6 carrying the cable, and a lifting member 6c, which boom portion when in use is connected to the distal end of said rotatable portion which is rotatable with respect to at least said round end about an upwardly extended axis, said boom end portion being located at a height above the load bed of the vehicle and is used to move through the rotation about at least said round end a load either off of or onto the vehicle's load bed while said transition portion is supported on the ground.

As can be clearly seen in the drawings, the round, rotatable portion includes either a straight member 4 extended up vertically (Fig. 1+) or, as an alternative embodiment (Fig. 4+), the rotatable portion 8 has at its proximal and its distal ends a bent portion forming about a

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forty-five degree (45°) angle up off the horizontal, together totaling about a ninety degree (90°) angle, forming a long sweeping radius and resulting in said boom portion being located off-set horizontally from said round, distal end of said transition portion. In the second embodiment of Fig. 4+, two extended handles are provided for rotatably changing the off-set position of said boom portion, one handle located on said boom portin adjacent to its proximal end and the other handle located on the rotatable portion adjacent to its proximal end.

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